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 For : Method for Treating a Subject Suffering from Conditions
Associated with an Extracellular Zinc Sphingomyelinase

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Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been previously established.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

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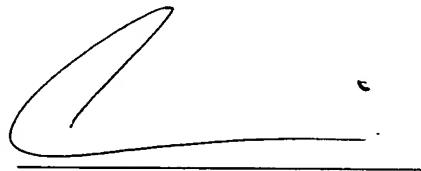
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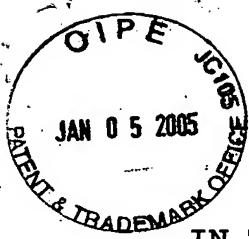


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 2, 2004
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. 1.121)

This Amendment is submitted in response to a January 24, 2002 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121) issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Notice provides a one-month period for filing a response. Therefore, a response to the December 2, 2004 Notice is due January 2, 2005. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: